

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Group I (claims 1-8) is selected without any traverse.

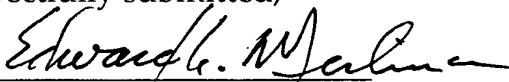
The non-elected claims have been canceled without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a continuing application directed thereto.

Acknowledgement of the claim to priority and the priority document and filed IDS's in the next communication from the PTO is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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